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VOSH INVESTIGATING FOURTH FATALITY ~Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Danville, Virginia~

RICHMOND, VA – Commissioner C. Ray Davenport “I am saddened and disappointed to learn of another fatality at the Goodyear facility in Danville today. The Virginia Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) recently issued a Public Service Announcement regarding a surge in Virginia workplace fatalities. I renew my call for greater employer and worker vigilance on occupational safety and health protections within the Commonwealth.”

The Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Program (VOSH) was notified on August 12, 2016 of a fatal industrial accident at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Danville, Virginia. VOSH is currently investigating the incident.

This is the fourth fatality at the Danville, VA facility since August, 2015. The first fatality occurred on August 31, 2015 which resulted in the issuance of citations to Goodyear. These citations are currently under contest. Subsequent fatal accidents occurring on March 31, 2016 and April 12, 2016 remain under investigation by VOSH. The April fatality prompted a safety and health inspection of the entire Goodyear facility, which is still on-going.

DOLI has up to six months to complete the investigations, and issue any citations due to violations of applicable VOSH Safety and Health Standards.

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